

CADventures

Information for users of AutoCAD

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Things to TRY

Lost in Space: Missing Toolbars

Do you have an AutoCAD toolbar turned on, yet it's not visible? When this happens, the toolbar is usually pushed off the right side or bottom of the visible screen area. Here's how to fix it...

On the Command line, type in the following:

Command:

-TOOLBAR[enter] *Don't forget the hyphen*

-TOOLBAR Enter toolbar name or [ALL]:

<<toolbar name>>[enter] *See names at the right* →

Enter an option [Show/Hide/Left/Right/Top/Bottom/Float] <Show>:

F[enter] *We'll make it 'Float'*

Enter new position (screen coordinates) <0,0>:

[enter] *To accept the default*

Enter number of rows for toolbar <1>:

[enter] *To accept the default*

Your toolbar should be floating (undocked) in the upper-left corner of your screen. To move the toolbar, left-click on its edge and drag it wherever you desire.

AutoCAD Toolbar Names

3d_orbit
dimension
draw
inquiry
layouts
modify
modify_ll
object_properties
object_snap
refedit
reference
render
shade
solids
solids_editing
standard_toolbar
surfaces
ucs
ucs_ll
view
viewports
web
zoom

News to Know

Make your drawing into a TIFF











Our trial period has been extended until September 15...

You can now create a .tif file directly from AutoCAD using PrfGenerator. Simply change the Active Config pull down list (at the top of the PrfGenerator dialog box) to '**CONFIG Tiff File Output**' (it's down at the bottom of the list). Proceed with your plot as usual, changing any parameters like paper size as desired. Make note of the PRF Name. Now look in the **P:\Incoming\TiffOutput** folder and you should see a .tif file with the same name as your PRF Name. Be patient, as the Plot Station server has to process your plot along with all other PrfGenerator plot jobs.

Please copy your .tif file from P:\Incoming\TiffOutput to a folder that is appropriate for your project. P:\Incoming\TiffOutput is a temporary area only and is regularly cleaned out.

The KEY to Speed

Do you have a Windows Keyboard? (It has the flying Window key between Ctrl & Alt keys). If so, try these keyboard shortcuts:

Press	To
	Display the Start menu.
 +Break	Display the System Properties dialog box.
 +M	Minimize all windows.
 +Shift+M	Restore all windows.
 +E	Open My Computer (Explorer).
 +F	Search for a file or folder.
 +Ctrl+F	Search for computers.
 +F1	Display Windows 2000 Help.
 +R	Open the Run dialog box.
 +TAB	Switch between open items.

Note

Some keyboard shortcuts may not work if StickyKeys is turned on in Accessibility Options.

Seldom-Used Commands: Group

Ever wish you could quickly select related objects without picking them one at a time? For example, let's say you're working on a schedule, and this schedule has a border and dividing lines. You find yourself repeatedly selecting the schedule lines, which is tedious. Here's where the Group command comes in handy.

1. Type **GROUP**[enter]
2. In the Object Grouping dialog box, enter a Group Name (what you call it is up to you).
3. Click the **New <** button, then select the objects you want in your new group.
4. Repeat step 2 & 3 to create additional groups, or click **OK** to exit the dialog box.

Turn group selection on/off by pressing **Ctrl+A**. If grouping is turned on, when you select one object that is part of a group, all objects in that group are selected as well. Remember, if you need to select only one object that is part of a group, turn group selection off with Ctrl+A. For more information about Grouping, refer to AutoCAD help or call me @ x2520.

Places to GO

Useful Web Sites

<http://165.83.20.6/DSC/CADD/HELP/DEFAULT.HTM>

Our NPS CAD Intranet Site

www.cadwire.net (That's .NET)

News, events, reviews, articles, and a free electronic newsletter

www.cadontheweb.com

Information about more than 300 companies and 1000 products

www.cad-forum.com

News, articles, tips-n-tricks, freeware

www.caddepot.com

Shareware & Freeware, news, articles and reviews

www.tenlinks.com

Technology directory

<http://discussion.autodesk.com/>

Autodesk Discussion groups (highly recommended)